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IN RE APPLICATION OF DANIEL LUCIUS VASELLA APPLICATION NO:

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir

The Office Action of October 31, 2007 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on November 30, 2007. A two-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$460 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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